

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added. Further, no new issues have been raised which would require additional search and/or consideration on the part of the Examiner. In the event that the present submission does not place the application into condition for allowance, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the application into better form for appeal.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Issue concerning Claim 15

Applicant notes that claim 15 depends upon allowable claim 2 and thus should also be allowable. During the Personal Interview conducted on July 18, 2007, which was very much appreciated, the Examiner indicated that claim 15 was likewise allowable.

Issue under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-13, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kim et al., U.S. Patent 6,984,462 (herein Kim '462). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that the compounds of Kim '462 are quite distinct from the presently claimed subject matter. Although the substituents R according to present claim 1 allow for addition of extra fluorene units extending on either or both sides of the linked fluorenes, claim 1 does not allow for the anthracene unit required by Kim '462. Accordingly, Applicant submits that there exists no anticipation based upon Kim '462.

During the Personal Interview conducted on July 18, 2007, the Examiner agreed as to this distinction and further agreed that the present claims overcome the Kim '462 reference. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

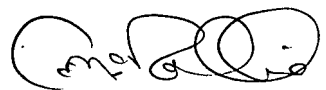
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims define allowable subject matter. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Reg. No. 42,874, at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP at the number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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